

MINUTES

— OF THE —

TWELFTH ANNUAL SESSION

— OF THE —

PEA RIVER ASSOCIATION,

— HELD WITH —

Hebron Church, Coffee County, Ala.,

NOVEMBER 3, 4, 5, 1888.

OFFICERS.

J. W. BROOKS,	Moderator.
A. J. WISE, JR.,	Clerk.
W. J. SPURLIN,	Treasurer.

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MINUTES.

The PEA RIVER ASSOCIATION met in its *Twelfth Annual Session* with Hebron church on the 3d, 4th, and 5th days of November, 1888. The Introductory Sermon was preached by J. W. Brooks. After one and a half hour's recess, the Association was called to order by the former Moderator, and prayer was offered by Elder J. J. Macon.

Letters from the several churches were presented, and, by request, were read by Elds. D. C. Allen and W. F. Martin, and the delegates' names enrolled as follows—

Elba Church : R. Harper, S. M. Rowe and J. J. Langham. New Ebenezer Church : William Taylor, W. F. Martin and J. W. McCart. Shiloh Church : M. A. Helms, C. O. Helms and J. A. Grimes. New Home Church : W. G. W. Harper, J. D. B. Harper and H. Gilmon. Mount Pleasant Church : Joseph Holloway, W. H. Smith and J. C. Glisson. Siloam Church : A. J. Brooks, P. T. Wise and John Spears. Woodland Grove Church : J. M. Rowe, M. Brunson and C. R. Talbot. Piney Grove Church : W. T. Johnson, S. A. Cotton and J. W. Brooks. Damascus Church : C. I. Stewart, J. H. Smith and J. D. Parkman. Bluff Springs Church : S. Cody, I. J. Johnson and C. O. H. Martin. Hebron Church : John Bradley, J. H. Stanton and Frank Knight. Three Notch Bethlehem Church : J. W. Bullard, John Maynard and J. F. Patterson. Newhope Church : J. J. Dismuke, William Mitchell and J. T. Eagerton. New Providence Church : W. J. Spurlin, T. J. Beard and Joel Donaldson. Whitewater Church : D. J. Williams, A. S. Head and H. D. McCollum. Bethlehem (Coffee) Church : A. J. Wise, jr., D. W. Jernigan and J. F. Kindrick. Zion Chapel Church : W. H. Heurd, J. J. Calhoun and J. H. Foreman. Sardis Church : T. J. Geoghan, J. H. McLeod and J. D. Fleming.

Proceeded to elect officers by appointing T. J. Allen and J. J. Macon to receive the votes, which resulted in the re-election of J. W. Brooks Moderator, and A. J. Wise, jr., Clerk, and the election of W. J. Spurlin Treasurer.

Invited visiting ministers to seats in the body.

Called for Petitionary Letters, when two, one from Zion Chapel and one from Sardis churches were presented by their delegates, which were received, and the right hand of fellowship extended by the Moderator in behalf of the Association.

The following committees were appointed to report during the session—

On Divine Service: J. D. Parkman and M. A. Helms, together with the pastor and delegates from Hebron church.

On Missions: W. F. Martin, D. W. Jernigan and P. T. Wise.

On Finance: A. J. Brooks, J. H. Smith and T. J. Beard.

On Documents: S. Cody, C. O. H. Martin and A. J. Wise, jr.

On Nominations: R. Harper, W. J. Spurlin and John Bradley.

On Periodicals: J. D. Parkman, I. J. Johnson and C. O. Helms.

On Sabbath Schools: H. D. McCollum, W. Mitchell and C. R. Talbot.

On Temperance: W. F. Martin, Frank Knight and J. W. Bullard.

Called for correspondence, when G. W. L. Parkman, J. J. Macon and D. C. Allen responded from Salem Association. From Zion Association: W. L. and J. C. Davis. From Newton Association: W. W. Falkner. From Alabama Association: Eld. F. C. Plaster.

The committee on divine service reported as follows—

Elder D. C. Allen to preach at three o'clock p. m., on Saturday; at seven o'clock, p. m., W. F. Martin; at nine o'clock, a. m., Sabbath, prayer meeting, conducted by brother T. J. Allen; at eleven o'clock, a. m., preaching by Elder F. C. Plaster; at three o'clock, p. m., P. L. Moseley; at seven p. m., J. W. Bullard.

Adjourned until half past eight o'clock, Monday. Prayer by A. J. Brooks.

On Sabbath the ministers preached to large and orderly congregations.

MONDAY MORNING, November 5th, 1888.

The Association was called to order. Singing and prayer by F. C. Plaster.

Invited visiting ministers to seats in the body.

Called the roll and marked absentees.

Read the Rules of Decorum.

Called for correspondence, when brother R. H. Davis responded from Newton Association.

Returned correspondence as follows—

To Salem Association: W. F. Martin, W. N. Cain, M. Brooks, John Bradley and Frank Knight.

To Zion Association: J. W. Brooks, M. Brooks and P. T. Wise.

To Newton Association: J. M. Tally and M. Brooks.

To Geneva Association: J. W. Brooks, M. Brooks, J. D. Parkman, J. W. Bullard, J. M. Tally, P. T. Wise and A. J. Brooks.

To Alabama Association: W. N. Cain.

To Evergreen Association: M. Brooks, J. W. Brooks and C. R. Talbot.

The report on Documents was read and adopted by striking out the item of changing the time of holding the session of the Asso-

ciation ; also, granting Mount Pleasant church the next session of the body, as follows :

We, your committee on Documents, offer the following report : New Ebenezer asks for the Articles of Faith to be published in the Minutes ; also, we find two petitions for the next session of the Association to be held at their church—one from Mount Pleasant and one from Newhope. All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. CODY, Ch'n.

The report on Periodicals was read and adopted as follows :

We, your committee on Periodicals, beg leave to make the following report: That we would urge upon our brethren generally, to take more interest in baptist literature ; that we have a good Baptist paper published in our State, "*The Alabama Baptist*," and a Foreign Mission journal published at Richmond, Va., that we would especially recommend our Baptist brethren to take and read. Respectfully submitted.

J. D. PARKMAN, Ch'n.

The report of the Executive committee was read and adopted as follows :

We, your committee from last session, make the following report : On the 10th day of January, 1888, we met brother W. B. Crumpton in the town of Elba, to recommend some brother to the mission field, and we proposed to employ a missionary for three and a half months, and asked brother Crumpton to supplement one and a half months, which he refused to do. We then appointed a meeting at New Ebenezer, on Saturday before the fourth Sabbath in May, 1888. We then employed brother W. F. Martin to labor in the field, and contracted to pay him \$86.00, that being the amount raised for this specific purpose, for the term of three months, commencing on the first day of July, 1888 ; and it seems by the report of the brother that the contract has been complied with, and much good accomplished. Therefore, we recommend that this session of the Association grant the payment of the salary of \$86.00.

Respectfully submitted.

A. J. BROOKS, Ch'n.

In connection with the foregoing report, the report of mission work in Pea River Association is as follows : Days of actual service 80 ; sermons 96 ; lectures 45 ; religious visits 104 ; churches constituted 1 ; pages of tracts distributed 1500 ; received by baptism 33 ; received by letter 20 ; received by voucher 2 ; restored 5 ; baptized in connection with the work 11 ; total 71 ; received by baptism for the Zion Association 33 ; total 104. Received from Sardis church \$6.00 ; from Bethlehem (Coffee) church \$7.00 ; total \$13.00.

WILEY F. MARTIN.

The report on Temperance was read and adopted as follows :

We feel grateful on account of the rapid progress that has been made toward the extermination of the liquor traffic within the last few years. While other States are ahead of us in the temperance movement, yet we should feel proud of the very gratifying progress of the temperance sentiment in our own beloved State. Brethren, this is a work that should engage our every attention—none is of more profound importance, as the indulgence of this intoxicating beverage is attended with evil to the human family, and especially so to the youths of our land. We would recommend that the churches enforce their rules relative to members engaging in the sale of ardent spirits ; and further, that if the Baptist churches have no rule prohibiting their members from signing recommendations for the purpose of engaging in the sale of intoxicating liquors, that each church of the Pea River Association enforce the teachings of the Bible, and adopt such a rule as early as possible. All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. F. MARTIN, Ch'n.

The report on Nominations was read and adopted as follows :

To preach the Introductory Sermon at the next session of this body, W. F. Martin ; his alternate John Bradley. As an Executive committee, J. W.

McCart, John H. Smith, John H. Weed and J. D. Parkman. To the State Convention, N. C. Underwood, W. F. Martin and J. W. Brooks. To the Southern Baptist Convention, B. M. Stevens. Respectfully submitted.

R. HARPER, Ch'n.

The report on Sabbath Schools was read and adopted as follows :

We find only four Sabbath schools reported in the Association—one at Elba, one each at Three Notch Bethlehem, Whitewater and New Home. We recommend that every church constituting the Pea River Association to organize and sustain a Sabbath school. Respectfully submitted.

H. D. McCOLLUM, Ch'n.

The report on Missions was read and adopted as follows :

Of all the subjects engaging the attention of the great Baptist denomination, none is of more importance than that of missions. By our distinctive name, we are the earnest advocates of missionary operations at home and abroad. By designation we are Missionary Baptists. Then it is high time we were vindicating our claims to this title. Other denominations are pressing their principles upon the acceptance of the world with an ardor that is commendable, yet they do not insist upon being called missionary. We lay claim to the title without vindicating by deed. For the sake of convenience, our missionary operations are conducted under the auspices of three distinctive boards, viz. : Foreign, Home and State. The Foreign Board is located at Richmond, Va., and conducts the operations of Southern Baptists in fields remote from our land. Under its auspices, missionaries are laboring in China, Africa, Italy, South America and Mexico. The news from these fields is very gratifying. As the work progresses, more means are required. The Home Mission Board is located at Atlanta, Ga., and has under its charge the work of the South, the Indians of the Territories, and the Chinese on the Pacific slope. It is seeking to supply the new towns with houses of worship, as they spring into existence upon the borders of our newly developed regions ; also, to strengthen our denomination in New Orleans, and to evangelize the Indians of the West, and the Chinese of California. The State Board is laboring to meet the destitution in Alabama. These boards have special claims upon us as Baptists. They are peculiarly our boards, and it is our duty to rally constantly to their support.

We, your committee, recommend that this body appoint an Executive committee consisting of five, whose duty it shall be to raise money as best they can, and employ a man for all, or a part of his time, to labor in our Association ; and that they meet quarterly to supervise the work, and report all the proceedings to the Board ; also, a committee of three on Destitution, to report at the next session of the Association. Respectfully submitted.

WILEY F. MARTIN, Ch'n.

Appointed as a committee on Destitution to report at next session, W. F. Martin, A. J. Brooks and J. M. Tally.

On motion, the regular order of business was suspended to hear miscellaneous resolutions, when the following was adopted :

Resolved, That there be a Ministers and Deacons' Meeting appointed to meet on Friday before the fifth Sabbath in March, 1889. Respectfully,

A. J. BROOKS.

Resolved, That this body return thanks to Hebron church, and this vicinity, for the hospitality with which they have entertained the Association during this session. Respectfully,

W. F. MARTIN.

Appointed John Bradley, and his alternate, J. W. Bullard, to preach the Introductory Sermon at the Ministers and Deacons' meeting, to be held at Damascus, on Friday embracing the fifth Sabbath in March, 1889. J. A. Taylor, W. F. Martin and M. A.

Helms were appointed a committee to arrange programme at this meeting.

On motion, the Association took the following pledges : Mount Pleasant church \$5.00 ; M. Brooks \$5.00—which was paid by W. F. Martin, D. C. Allen, T. J. Allen, J. A. Taylor and D. W. Jernigan ; W. F. Martin \$10.00 ; J. W. Brooks \$5.00 ; J. D. Parkman \$2.50, and \$2.50 for foreign missions ; J. A. Taylor \$5.00 ; T. J. Allen, for his wife, \$1.00 ; J. M. Tally \$1.00 ; Wm. Taylor \$1.00 ; D. W. Jernigan \$1.00.

The Clerk was instructed to have as many copies of the minutes printed as possible, after taking out his fee.

The report on Finance was read and adopted as follows :

Collected on Sabbath,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$12.80
Brought over from last year,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	86.00
For Minutes,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25.80
Received on Pledges,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42.00
Sent up for Missions,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8.55
Donation for church building at Piney Grove,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.50

Making a total collected of - - - - - \$182.65

All of which has been turned over to the Treasurer, and his receipt taken, The amount unpaid on pledges is—W. J. Hutchinson \$1.00 ; B. M. Stevens \$5.00 ; D. J. Williams \$1.00 ; Daniel Swanner \$5.00 ; W. N. Cain \$2.00 ; M. Brunson \$5.00 ; J. M. Walker \$1.00 ; T. W. Croly \$1.00 ; M. H. Sellars \$2.50 ; Effie Deal \$1.00 ; sister Croly .50 ; sister Williams .50 ; John Spears \$1.00 ; C. R. Talbot \$2.50 ; W. J. Deal \$1.00 ; W. A. Whipple \$1.00. All of which is respectfully submitted.

O. J. BROOKS, Ch'n.

The Treasurer's report was read and adopted as follows :

W. J. Spurlin in account with Pea River Association, 1888 ;—

RECEIPTS.

Brought over from last year,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 86.00
Received for Minutes,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25.80
Received from Sabbath Collection,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12.80
Received for Church Building at Piney Grove,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.50
Received on Pledges,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42.00
Received for Missions,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8.50
Total Receipts,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$182.65

DISBURSEMENTS FOR 1888.

Paid Wiley F. Martin for Missionary Services,	-	-	-	\$ 86.00
“ A. J. Wise, jr., Clerk, for Minutes,	-	-	-	25.80
“ J. W. Brooks for Piney Grove Church Building,	-	-	-	7.50
Balance on hand,	-	-	-	63.35
				\$ 182.65

Respectfully submitted.

W. J. SPURLIN, Treasurer.

Minutes were read and adopted, and adjourned to meet with Mount Pleasant church on Saturday before the first Sabbath in November, 1889.

J. W. BROOKS, Moderator.

A. J. WISE, jr., Clerk.

ABSENTEES.

S. M. Rowe, J. J. Langham, J. A. Grimes, John Spears, J. M. Rowe, W. T. Johnson, S. A. Cotton, C. I. Stewart, J. T. Eagerton, Joel Donaldson, D. J. Williams, A. S. Head, J. F. Kindrick, J. H. McLeod, J. D. Fleming.

CONFESSION OF FAITH.

ARTICLE 1.—We believe in one only true and living God; and that there are three persons in the Godhead—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. We prove this from St. John, 1st Chapter and 7th verse: For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one; Chapter 1, verse 1, In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God; Chap. 10, verse 30, I and my Father are one; John 17 and 3, And this is life eternal, that they might know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent; Dent. 5th, 26th, For who is there of all flesh, that have heard the voice of the living God; Isaiah 46, 9 and 10, Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me, Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, my counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure.

ART. 2.—We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice: 2d Tim. 3d and 16th, All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, &c.; 2d Peter, 1st, 21st, For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost; Hebrews 1st, 1st and 2d, God who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers, by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by his son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; Rev. 22d, 18th, For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, if any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book; Mat. 28th, 20th, Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you.

ART. 3.—We believe in the doctrine of eternal and particular election: Psalms, 33d, 12th, Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord: and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance; Ephe. 1st, 4th, According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love; 1st Peter, 1st, 2nd, Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ, &c.; Romans 9th, 11th, For the children being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God, according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth; Eph. 3d, 11th, According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord; Heb. 5th, 9th, And being made perfect he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him; 9th Chapter and 12th verse, Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us; John 15th, 16th, Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, &c. Acts 9th, 15th, For he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel; 1st Peter, 2d, 9th, But ye are a chosen generation, &c.; Rev. 17th, 14th, And they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful; Rom. 11th, 7th, What then! Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for; but the election hath obtained it, and the rest were blinded.

ART. 4.—We believe in the doctrine of original sin: Rom. 5th, 12th, Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all men have sinned; Chap. 5th, 16th, For the judgment was by one to condemnation; verse 18th, Therefore as by the offence of one Judgment came upon all men to condemnation: Rom. 5th, 19th, For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners; Rom. 3d, 23d, For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.

ART. 5.—We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, by his own free will and ability; for we know the law is spiritual, and I am carnal sold under sin; Rom. 8th, 7th, Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. 8th, So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God; John 6th, 63d, It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing; do 6th, 44th, No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him; Ephe. 2d, 1st, And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; verse 5th, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved.)

ART. 6.—We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ: Rom. 10th, 4th, For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth; 2d Cor. 5th, 21st, For he hath made him to be sin for us, who

knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him; 1st Cor. 1st, 30th But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness. Phil. 3d, 9th, And he found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith; Isa 54th, 17th, This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness is of me; saith the Lord; 61st, 10th, I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with a robe of righteousness: Gal. 2d, 21st, For if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.

ART. 7.—We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Ghost: 1st Cor. 1st, 2d, To them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours; John 10th, 3d, And he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out; Titus 3d, 5th, Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost: Heb. 2d, 11th, For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren.

ART. 8.—We believe that saints shall persevere in grace and never finally fall away: John 14th, 19th, Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also; 10th, 27th, My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me; 28th, And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish; Col. 3d, 3d, For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God, 4th, When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory: Heb. 7th, 24th, But this man, because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood; 25th, Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

ART. 9.—We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only fit subjects of these ordinances: we believe that immersion is baptism: Mark 1st, 9th, And it came to pass in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized of John in Jordan; 16th, 16th, He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; Acts 22d, 16th, And now why tarriest thou! arise and be baptized; Acts 8th, 37th, And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest: and he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the son of God; 38th, And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the Eunuch; and he baptized him: Rom. 6th, 4th, Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so, &c. Now the Supper: Mat. 26, 26: And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body; 27th, And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, drink ye all of it; 28th, for this is my blood of the New Testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins; 1st Cor. 5: 11: If any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat; 11: 29: For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

ART. 10.—We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and a general judgment: Mat. 28th, 5th, The angel answered and said unto the women, fear not ye; for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified; 6th, He is not here: for he has risen, as he said. (7th) And go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead. Acts 24th, 15th, There shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust. Acts 17th, 31st, Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead. John 5th, 28th, 29th, Marvel not at this; for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in their graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth: they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life: and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

ART. 11.—We believe the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting, and the joys of the righteous will be eternal: Mark 3: 29: But he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost hath never forgiveness, but is in danger of eternal damnation. Mat. 25: 46: These shall go away into everlasting punishment. 2d Thes. 1: 7: When the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from the heaven with his mighty angels, (8th) in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ; 9th, who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power. Psalms, 9: 17: And the wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God! Joys of the righteous. Mat. 25: 46: But the righteous into eternal life. 2d Tim. 2: 10: Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sake, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. Heb. 9: 15: They which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance. 1st Peter 5; 10: But the God of all grace, who hath called us in his eternal glory, &c. John 17: 23, 24: And in five hundred other places.

ART. 12.—We believe that no ministers have a right to the administration of the ordinance, only such as are regularly called and come under the hands of a Presbytery: Lev. 8: 1: And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, Take Aaron and his sons with him. Heb. 5: 4: No man taketh this honor unto himself, but that is called of God, as was Aaron. Tim. 4: 14: Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery. Acts 13: 2, 3: The Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them; and when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.

CHURCH DIRECTORY AND STATISTICAL TABLE.

	CITICLICIEN.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICE.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICE.	RECEIVED BY										MEMBERSHIP		CONTRIBUTIONS		TIME OF MEETING.
						Receiv'd by baptism	Received by Letter	Voucher	Experience	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Dead	Pres't Membership	Ordained Ministers.	Licentiates	For Minutes.			
Danascus.....		J. W. Brooks	Leverett.....	Ala.	J. D. Parkman,	Danascus, Ala.	19	10							66		\$2.00	4th Sabbath & Sat. before		
Bethlehem Coffee		D. C. Allen.....	Kranridge,	"	A. J. Wise, Jr.,	Victoria,	15								80	2	1	3d Sabbath & Sat. before		
Sardis.....		Wiley F. Martin	Elba,	"	L. P. Geoghagan	Martha,	8	5	2						28		1	3d Sabbath & Sat. before		
Woodland Grove		Jesse M. Lowe.	Elba,	"	M. Brunson	Victoria,									43	1	1	3d Sabbath & Sat. before		
New Providence		A. J. Brooks	Elba,	"	T. J. Beard	"	1								14		1	3d Sabbath & Sat. before		
Elba.....		N. C. Underwood	Bridgidge,	"	J. J. Langham	Elba,	1	2							12		1	3d Sabbath & Sat. before		
Hobron.....		J. J. Mason	Milo,	"	Z. K. Fuller	Victoria,	2	7							42	1	1	3d Sabbath & Sat. before		
Bluff Springs		J. W. Brooks.	Marl,	"	Charles Martin.	Rodney,	2	2	1						50	1	1	3d Sabbath & Sat. before		
Three North Bethlehem		J. W. Bullard	Calleville,	"	"	Enterprise,	9	5							50	1	1	3d Sabbath & Sat. before		
Zion Ebenezer		W. F. Martin	Milo,	"	W. H. Whaley -	Rodney,	8	5							57	1	1	3d Sabbath & Sat. before		
White Chapel		John Bradley	"	"	D. J. Williams,	Elba,	1	4							18		1	3d Sabbath & Sat. before		
White Water		J. W. Bullard	Daleville,	"	L. B. Heath	Enterprise-	8	1							41	1	1	3d Sabbath & Sat. before		
Mount Pleasant.		J. W. Brooks	"	"	P. T. Wise.	Elba,	5	5	1						77	1	1	3d Sabbath & Sat. before		
Silom.....		J. M. Tally.	Coffee Springs,	"	W. G. W. Harper	Elba,	7								58		1	3d Sabbath & Sat. before		
New Home.....		J. W. Brooks.	"	"	M. J. D. Crews,	Elton,	2								23	1	1	3d Sabbath & Sat. before		
Piney Grove		A. J. Brooks.	Marl,	"	M. A. Helms,	"	3								16		1	3d Sabbath & Sat. before		
Shiloh.....		C. L. Matthews	Elba, Ala.	"	J. T. Egerton	Elba, Ala.	18	4							78	1	1	3d Sabbath & Sat. before		
New Hope																		1st Sabbath & Sat. before		
TOTAL.							107	41	4		8	36	10	4	783	10	3	\$25.80		

NOTE.—There are blanks left in the letters as appears above. Please do not blame me.—CLERK, OF ASSOCIATION.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Hear Letters from the Churches read.
2. Elect Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.
3. Invite Ministering brethren to seats.
4. Call for Petitions from Churches desiring to unite.
5. Appoint Committees, to report during the session, viz. :
 To arrange Preaching ;
 On Missions ;
 On Finance ;
 On Documents ;
 On Nominations.
6. Call for Correspondence.
7. Return Correspondence.
8. Have Rules and Decorum read.
9. Call Roll and mark Absentees.
10. Hear Report from Committees.
11. Hear Treasurer's Report.
12. Hear Miscellaneous Resolutions.
13. Make Arrangements for Printing Minutes.
14. Correct Minutes and Adjourn.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

JOHN BRADLEY,	Milo,	Pike county,	Alabama.
A. J. BROOKS,	Elba,	Coffee county,	"
J. W. BROOKS,	Marl,	Geneva county,	"
M. BROOKS,	Victoria,	Coffee county,	"
W. N. CAIN,	"	"	"
J. F. KENDRICK,	"	"	"
J. M. ROWE,	Elba,	"	"
W. F. MARTIN,	"	"	"
J. M. TALLY,	Coffee Springs,	Geneva county,	"
J. W. BULLARD,	Daleville,	Dale county,	"
B. M. STEVENS,	Elba,	Coffee county,	"

VISITING MINISTERS.

D. C. ALLEN,	Brmdidge,	Pike county,	Alabama.
E. M. BROOKS,	Fresco,	Coffee county,	"
W. W. FALKNER,	"	"	"
P. L. MOSELEY,	Milo,	Pike county,	"
G. W. McLENDON,	Henderson,	"	"
J. J. MACON,	Milo,	"	"
F. C. PLASTER,	Fort Deposit,	Lowndes county,	"

